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I welcome Chairman Khrushchev's statesmanlike decision to stop building bases in Cuba, dismantling the equipment and sending it back home under UN supervision. This is an important and constructive contribution to peace. I repeat my assurance that the United States will not invade Cuba since the States derive peace in the Caribbean necessity for military action would disappear with the removal of offensive weapons.

We shall be in touch with the Secretary General of the United Nations with respect to reciprocal measures to assure peace in the Caribbean area.

It is my earnest hope that the governments of the world can, with a solution of the Cuban crisis, turn their urgent attention to the compelling necessity for ending the arms race

and reducing world tensions. This applies to the military

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confrontation between the Warsaw Pact and NATO countries

as well as to other situations in other parts of the world where

tensions lead to the diversion of resources to weapons of war.